

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 have been examined. With this amendment, Applicant adds claims 13-17.

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application.

1. Formalities

As a formality, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner check the appropriate boxes, on the front sheet (PTOL-326) of the next Office Action, indicating acknowledgment of the claim for foreign priority and that the certified copy of the priority document has been received.

2. Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Gowda et al. (US 6,628,333) ["Gowda"]. For at least the following reasons, Applicant traverses the rejection.

Claim 1, as amended, recites an electronic still camera that comprises "a monitor [that] consists of pixels that are approximately equal in number to pixels of the image printed in a predetermined printing area of the recording material." The Examiner contends that Gowda discloses this feature by citing Col. 4, line 25 - col. 6, line 15 of Gowda's written description.

Applicant submits that Gowda does not disclose the relationship between the monitor and printing area with respect to the pixels as set forth in claim 1. In fact, Gowda discloses that a portion of the previewed image must be zoomed before the portion can be observed at full resolution (see col. 1, 26-28, and col. 5, lines 7-15). Therefore, to the extent that Gowda may disclose a relationship between the monitor pixels and the print area pixels, Applicant submits

the disclosure would suggest that the number of pixels in the display is less than the number of pixels in the printing area.

Claim 2 recites an electronic still camera "wherein the monitor has a screen size that is approximately equal to a predetermined printing area of the recording material." The Examiner contends that Gowda discloses this feature by citing col. 4, line 25 to col. 6, line 15 of Gowda's written description.

Applicant submits that Gowda does not disclose or even remotely suggest the relationship between the monitor's screen size and the printing area as set forth in claim 2. Further, Applicant submits that the Examiner has not provided a basis to support the rejection.

Because independent claim 7 recites features similar to claim 1, Applicant submits that claim 7 is patentable for at least the reason given above in claim 1.

Because independent claim 9 recites features similar to claim 2, Applicant submits that claim 9 is patentable for at least the reason given above in claim 2.

Applicant submits that dependent claims 3-6, 8 and 10-12 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies, and they further distinguish from Gowda by virtue of the features set forth therein.

For example, because claims 3 and 10 recite features similar to claim 1, Applicant submits that these claims are patentable for at least the additional reason given above for claim 1.

Claim 6 recites an electronic still camera that comprises an "electronic viewfinder [that] is smaller in size than the monitor." The Examiner contends that Gowda's preview unit 116 corresponds to the claimed viewfinder. Applicant submits that, to the extent Gowda discloses a

preview unit (electronic viewfinder), it does so in relationship to the display units 180 and 182 (see col. 4, line 64 - col. 5, line 1). Further, there is no disclosure in Gowda regarding the size of the display units 180 and 182 and whether one unit is smaller than the other. Therefore, Applicant submits that Gowda does not disclose the claimed combination.

3. New Claims

With this amendment, Applicant adds claims 13-17. Applicant submits that these claims are patentable at least by virtue of the dependency, as well as the features set forth therein.

4. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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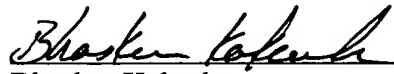
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